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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: HONG KONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY

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1. THOMPSON HAS NOT SET DATES YET FOR TRIP TO U.S. AND WILL INFORM US IN DUE COURSE. VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ARRANGEMENTS OFFERED.

2. WE BELIEVE ASSIGNMENT OF ESCORT OFFICER WOULD BE USEFUL BUT WOULD PREFER TO SEE WHAT THOMPSON'S SCHEDULE LOOKS LIKE BEFORE MAKING FIRM RECOMMENDATION.

3. THOMPSON TOLD US THAT DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS WRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT ANY "STANDARD MASS TRANSIT CAR" WOULD QUALIFY WITH POSSIBLY, MINOR ALTERATIONS. THOMPSON TOLD US THAT WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED FAIRLY WIDE PARAMETERS WITH IDEA THAT CARS NOW IN PRODUCTION COULD BE ADOPTED WITH MINIMUM EFFORT SO AS TO HOLD DOWN COSTS. MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY (HKMTA), INDEED, WISHES TO AVOID HAVING PROTOTYPE DEVELOPED BECAUSE OF COST IMPLICATIONS.

4. VERY IMPORTANT THAT POTENTIAL BIDDERS REGISTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18 OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION PAMPHLET. BIDDERS SHOULD AT LEAST INDICATE TO HKMTA DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING ADMITTEDLY SHORT DEADLINES SO THAT EXTENSIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED.

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